

**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LAZIO OF NEW
YORK
TO THE CHILD HEALTH RECONCILIATION
PROVISIONS**

(Page & line nos. refer to Committee Print of June 11, 1997;
KIDCARE.006)

Page 7, line 34, insert "(I)" after "(i)".

Page 7, line 36, insert ", (II) the number of children enrolled and receiving a subsidy in State-only insurance programs who would otherwise be uncovered, and (III) the average number of children enrolled under the State plan under title XIX during the fiscal year" after "paragraph (2))".

Page 8, strike lines 14 through 36 and insert the following:

1 “(3) ADJUSTMENT FOR GEOGRAPHIC VARI-
2 ATIONS IN HEALTH COSTS.—For purposes of para-
3 graph (1)(A)(ii), the ‘State cost factor’ for a State
4 for a fiscal year is equal to the ratio of—

5 “(A) the medicare wage cost factor for
6 hospital employees (as determined for a fiscal
7 year based on the area wage index applicable to
8 hospitals under section 1886(d)(2)(E), or if
9 such index no longer exists, a comparable index

1 of hospital wages, for discharges occurring dur-
2 ing the fiscal year involved) in the State, to
3 "(B) the medicare wage cost factor for the
4 50 States and the District of Columbia for dis-
5 charges occurring during the fiscal year in-
6 volved.